



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** FITZSIMMONS ACCESS AREA

**Description of Proposal:** This project will repair the Fitzsimmons fishing access area damaged by the 2009 flood event. The parking area was washed out and 15 tons of 1-2 man boulders were lost. **Work to Be Completed:** The parking lot will be regraded with 278 cubic yards of crushed rock. Fifteen (15) tons of 1 / 2 man rock will be placed on the south east end of the access area. These repairs will allow safe operation of the boat launch

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Washington, Yakima County; Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 20 East WM

The proposed project site is next to the Yakima River. The site is reached by taking Parker Exit on I-82 (eastbound past Yakima) and following Yakima Highway through Sawyer, and turning right at the public fishing sign.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **April 22, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov), through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** April 8, 2010

**SIGNATURE:**

*Teresa A. Eturaspe*

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

SEPA Log Number: 10 -.026 dns

**Distribution of Environmental Document:**

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